

DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

- A. ROCKY RIDGE TRAIL:** MODERATE – 2 miles. The Rocky Ridge Trail begins and ends near Campsite #35. It is marked with posts. This loop trail passes through deep ravines and up scenic, rocky slopes. Parking and water are available at the campground.
- B. TULIP VALLEY TRAIL:** MODERATE – 2 miles. This trail begins across from the Group Camp, passes through the woods in front of Hickory Hollow Nature Center and continues up the ridge to the campground.
- C. CCC GHOST TRAIL:** RUGGED – 1.25 miles. The CCC Ghost Trail is marked with posts. The trail begins and ends at the Group Camp and follows both sides of a dry creek bed. Be prepared for long, steep climbs and rocky descents. Parking is available at the Group Camp.
- D. CLIFF DWELLER TRAIL:** MODERATE – 1.75 miles. This loop trail is marked with posts. The loop trail crosses a dry creek bed, follows a beautiful, spring-fed creek and has some long stretches of climbing. Although it is a difficult descent, hikers may want to explore the area under the face of the cliff. Native Americans were thought to collect flint for crafting tools and weapons in this area. Parking is available at the Pioneer Shelter House.
- E. WHITE-TAILED DEER TRAIL:** EASY – 1 mile. This loop trail is marked with posts. It begins at the entrance to Shelter House #2 picnic area and ends at the bottom of Shelter House #2 parking lot.
- F. OHIO RIVER BLUFF TRAIL:** RUGGED–1.5 miles. This loop trail captures vistas of what the early settlers saw while traveling down the Ohio River. Follow the rocky escarpment bluff, as it meanders down to the horse trail from shelter house #2 and back to the lower parking lot. It then skirts under the edge of the bluff and up the rock staircase, built by the CCC, back to the shelter.
- G. POST-OAK CEDAR NATURE PRESERVE TRAIL:** RUGGED – .8 miles. This trail is on Cold Friday Road 1.5 miles south of the main property office. It is self-guided. The Division of Nature Preserves requests that you register at the trail head before entering the nature preserve.
- H. SHARP SPRING TRAIL:** EASY to MODERATE– 1 mile. The trail is marked with posts. It loops around the perimeter of Wyandotte Wetlands and passes Sharp's Spring on the lake's backside. The parking lot shelter provides a beautiful spot for a picnic.

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS!

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

ACCESS SITES — Four public access sites are available in the area. The Lock and Dam #44 Access Site at the mouth of the Blue River provides a concrete ramp for access to the Ohio River.

CANOEING — Eleven miles of Blue River downstream from SR 462 bridge are available for canoeing, tubing and boating.

CAMPING — The modern electric campground with 234 reservable sites is equipped with modern restrooms, hot water, and showers. There are an additional 36 electric sites with modern facilities reservable for horse camping only. There is fresh water fill-up available throughout the modern campground along with 50 amp service and 45 foot pad. A 63 reservable site, non-electric horse camp is only available with a modern restroom, hot water, and showers. Stage Stop primitive campground and youth rally with 50 sites, non-reservable. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Reservations are available through the Central Reservation System.

FISHING — Fishing pond and at Blue River Access Sites.

GROUP CAMP — 100 person capacity with dining and recreation hall, bunk houses, shower house. Reservations available through the Central Reservation System.

HIKING — 11.3 miles of short day-use trails and provides access to the Adventure Trail, a 24 mile backpacking trail through the Harrison-Crawford State Forest.

HORSE TRAILS — The horse trail system includes 80 miles of marked loop trails through the Harrison-Crawford State Forest.

INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE — Open year round. Program schedules are available by visiting the website at www.interpretiveservices.IN.gov or call (812) 738-8234.

NATURE CENTER — Hickory Hollow Nature Center, authentic 1850's Hay Press, 1830's farmstead. Hours vary seasonally.

PICNIC AREAS — Tables, grills, toilet facilities.

SHELTERS — Nine shelters. Two shelters are reservable through the Central Reservation System.

WYANDOTTE CAVES — Sibert Cave is open March 1 thru October 31. The Big Cave is open May 1 thru September 30. Call (812) 365-2705 for information.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Do not injure or damage any structure, rock, tree, flower, bird or wild animal within the Park. Do NOT gather limbs, brush or trees (either dead or alive) for firewood! It MUST be allowed to remain to rebuild the natural humus.
- Any firearm (except validly licensed handguns) BB gun, air gun, CO2 gun, bow and arrow, or spear gun in possession in a state park must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle except when participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
- Dogs and cats must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet and attended at all times.
- There shall be no vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be under adult supervision.
- Fires shall be built only in places provided.
- Please comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash policy in all day use areas. Overnight guests must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Motorists will observe speed limits as posted, and park in designated areas.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- All motorized vehicles must remain on paved roadway. Snowmobiles are prohibited.
- Use of metal detectors prohibited.
- The park is closed from 11 p.m. until 7 a.m., except to fishermen and campers at their site.

For a complete list of rules and regulations inquire at park office.

THIS IS YOUR PARK

All visitors are expected to observe property rules which are designed to fulfill the purpose for which state parks were established, namely, to preserve a primitive landscape in its natural condition for the use and enjoyment of the people.

CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEMS

Reservations for all types of camping, family cabins, and shelters at state parks, reservoirs and forests can be made by going online or use the toll free number.

www.camp.IN.gov
1-866-6campIN
(1-866-622-6746)



Reservations for the Indiana State Park Inns and Inn-operated cabins can be made by going online or use the toll free number.

www.indianainns.com
1-877-lodges1
(1-877-563-4371)



Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your park clean and beautiful for others to enjoy!

FOR MORE INFORMATION



Write: O'Bannon Woods State Park
7234 Old Forest Road SW
Corydon, Indiana 47112

Call: (812) 738-8232

Fax: (812) 738-8255

Nature Center: (812) 738-8234



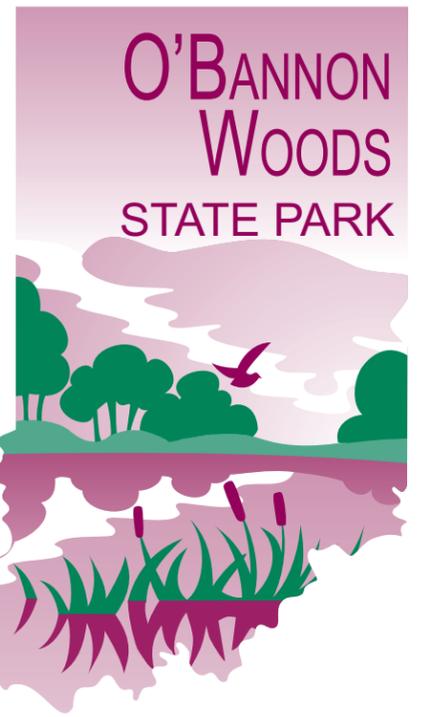
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
www.dnr.IN.gov

SPECIAL NOTE

Receipts from admission and service charges are used to help defray the operation and maintenance costs of the park. List of fees available in the park office.

The programs, services, facilities, and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are available to everyone. DNR prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information please write to: Department of Natural Resources, Executive Office, 402 W. Washington St., Rm. W256, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 232-4020.

INDIANA



Nestled among the hills, rivers, and forests of extreme south central Indiana, O'Bannon Woods State Park is rich with resources dating back to prehistoric Indians. The stories of the region's history live on in the facilities and natural features of the park.

Native Americans mined the valuable bluish-grey Harrison County chert or flint from caves and fields for thousands of years to make spear-points, knives, arrowheads and other tools.

Pioneer settlers traveled through the Ohio valley in the early 1800s to establish towns, businesses and early trading with riverboats coming up the Ohio. A local button factory, lime kilns and haypress barns were sources for river-related income during the mid-to late-1800s. Even today, visitors find stone foundations, cemeteries and historical structures scattered among the hillsides.

By the early 1900s, much of the area was over-farmed and bare of trees. The Department of Conservation, now the Department of Natural Resources, bought the first parcels of land for a state forest in 1932.

The area became popular through the work of the 517th Company Civilian Conservation Corps beginning in 1934. These men planted many of the trees near the park entrance and throughout the forest. They built facilities, including shelter house #2, the property manager's residence, our service area and numerous retaining walls. The 517th camp, which hosted one of Indiana's few African-American CCC companies, sat where our group camp sits today.

O'Bannon Woods was previously known as Wyandotte Woods State Recreation Area. The original name of was changed in 2004 to honor the late Governor Frank O'Bannon and his family for their contributions to this community and to the area's natural resources and history. This 2,000-acre site was established in 1980 in a peaceful and secluded setting with the 24,000-acre Harrison-Crawford State Forest. It was operated by the Indiana DNR's Division of Forestry. This state forest, one of Indiana's largest, serves as a source of timber and a place for hiking, hunting, fishing, birding and other outdoor recreation pursuits.

With the development of this new state park, we continue to offer high quality activities and facilities for both new and returning visitors. Wyandotte Caves is operated as a part of the state park, and tours are available seasonally. Guests can enjoy a wide range of activities and facilities as described in an adjacent column of this brochure. Hunting, in compliance with established seasons, will continue in Harrison Crawford State Forest, but not inside O'Bannon Woods State Park.

Our interpretive naturalists offer year round hikes, talks and other programs for visitors and groups. The nature center has resource and cultural displays, live snakes and turtles, bird viewing, an outdoor wetlands pond and living history demonstrations at a pioneer farmstead. We also have a one-of-a-kind, restored, historically accurate, 1850s haypress and barn with accompanying exhibits.

This combination of a state park surrounded by a vast, working state forest provides a unique opportunity for viewing "multiple use" management of natural and cultural resources. Outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy the wild diversity, long history and rugged beauty of southern Indiana at O'Bannon Woods State Park.

Please let wild animals remain wild. Feeding wildlife is prohibited and can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals who depend on handouts become a nuisance to park visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock up all food and coolers inside cars or campers.

O'BANNON WOODS STATE PARK

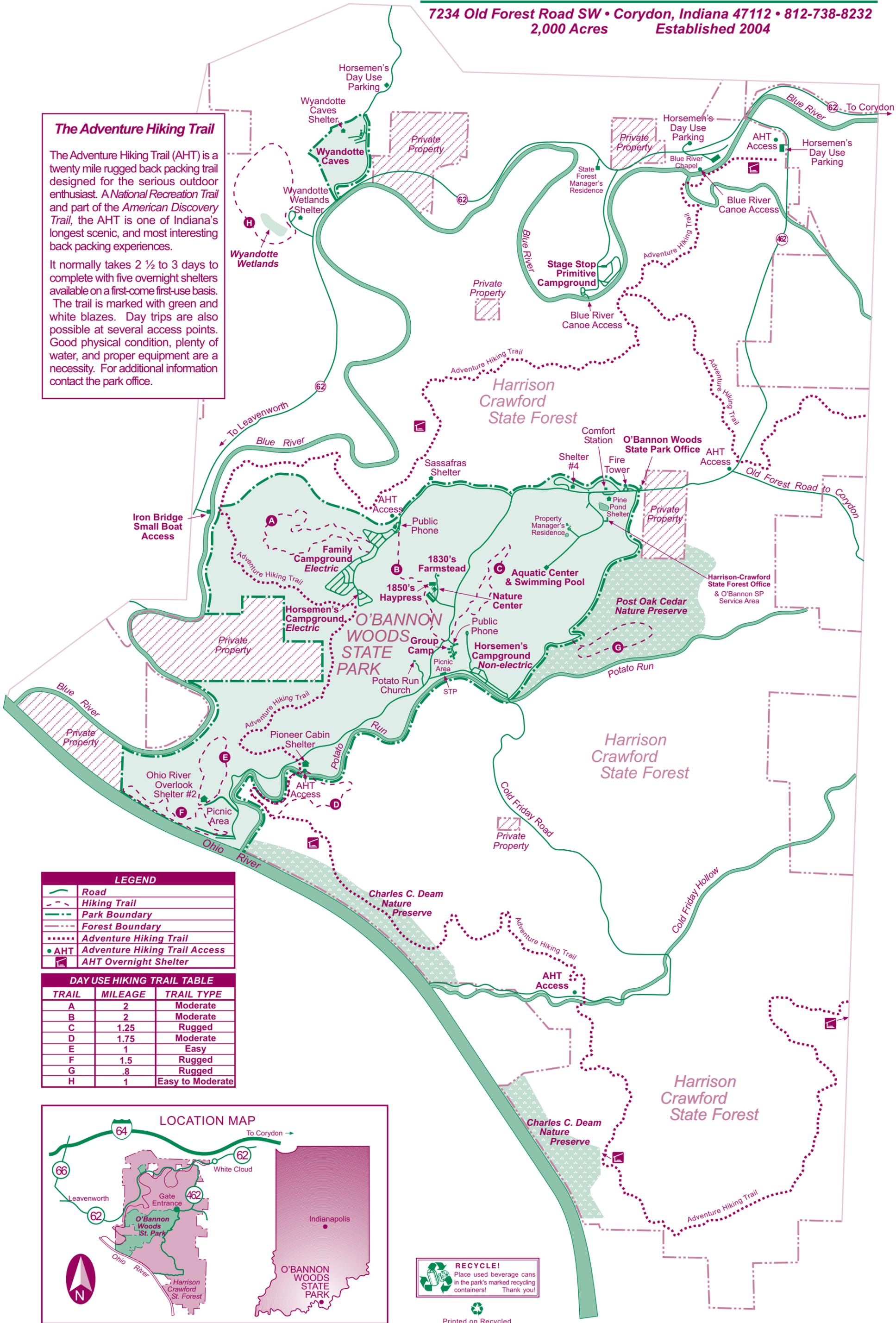
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2,000 Acres Established 2004

The Adventure Hiking Trail

The Adventure Hiking Trail (AHT) is a twenty mile rugged back packing trail designed for the serious outdoor enthusiast. A *National Recreation Trail* and part of the *American Discovery Trail*, the AHT is one of Indiana's longest scenic, and most interesting back packing experiences.

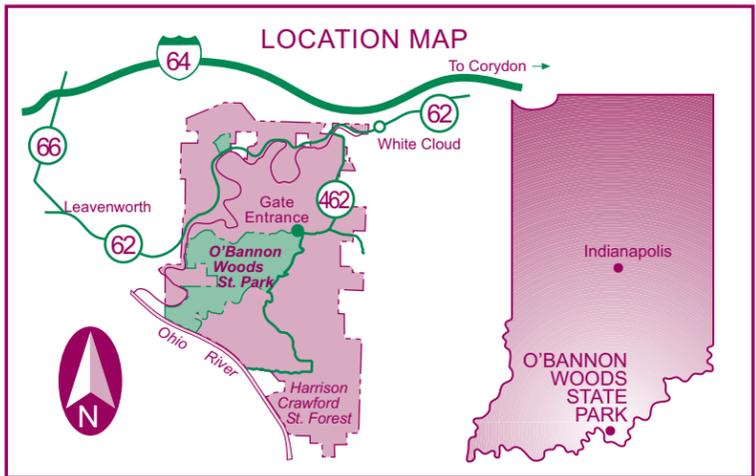
It normally takes 2 1/2 to 3 days to complete with five overnight shelters available on a first-come first-use basis.

The trail is marked with green and white blazes. Day trips are also possible at several access points. Good physical condition, plenty of water, and proper equipment are a necessity. For additional information contact the park office.



LEGEND	
	Road
	Hiking Trail
	Park Boundary
	Forest Boundary
	Adventure Hiking Trail
	AHT Adventure Hiking Trail Access
	AHT Overnight Shelter

DAY USE HIKING TRAIL TABLE		
TRAIL	MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE
A	2	Moderate
B	2	Moderate
C	1.25	Rugged
D	1.75	Moderate
E	1	Easy
F	1.5	Rugged
G	.8	Rugged
H	1	Easy to Moderate



RECYCLE!
Place used beverage cans in the park's marked recycling containers! Thank you!

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